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TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN,

JEWETT CONNER, JOSIAH J. FOLSOM.
ANDREW J. FOGG.

TOWN TREASURER,
JOHN E. GARDNER.

TOWN CLERK,
WILLIAM H. BELKNAP.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,
LORENZO NEALEY.

SUPERVISORS,

ALBERT S. WETHERELL, WILLIAM H. BELKNAP.
JAMES W. ODLIN.

AUDITORS,

WILLIAM B. MORRILL, B. JUDSON PERKINS.
JOHN P. ELKINS.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

EDWIN G. EASTMAN, HEZEKIAH SCAMMON.
JOHN D. LYMAN.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

ALBERT C. BUZELL, JOHN J. BELL.
JOHN T. PERRY.

LIBRARIAN,

GEORGIE SHUTE.

HEALTH OFFICERS,

JEWETT CONNER, EZRA BARTLETT.
GEORGE W. WIGGIN.

JANITOR,

JOHN H. TAYLOR.

ENGINEERS,

JAMES W. ODLIN, Chief, ANDREW J. FOGG
JACOB CARLISLE, GEORGE W. GREEN.
CHARLES E. WARREN, Clerk.

POLICE OFFICERS.

JAMES W. ODLIN, Chief, EDMUND THURSTON.
CHARLES H. CALKIN, JEFFERSON MAXWELL.
J. WARREN TILTON, JOHN P. ELKINS.
CHARLES K. FIFIELD.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF EXETER.

701 polls,	\$70,100 00
Real estate,	1,727,362 00
413 horses,	32,402 00
72 oxen,	5,836 00
363 cows,	9,540 00
98 other neat stock,	2,308 00
173 sheep,	706 00
2 hogs,	20 00
116 carriages,	11,410 00
Stock in public funds,	130,200 00
Stock in banks,	101,100 00
Doomage,	340,888 00
Money on hand and at interest,	48,662 00
Stock in trade,	75,626 00
Factories and machinery,	120,000 00
Aqueducts,	500 00
	\$2,676,660 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

State tax,	\$5,728 00
County tax,	3,983 54
Schools by law,	5,012 00
Schools in addition,	1,200 00
Interest on town debt.	1,500 00

Fire Department,	\$2,500 00
Highways,	2,500 00
Highways, bridges and sidewalks,	1,000 00
Police and Constables,	500 00
Miscellaneous,	1,500 00
Support of poor,	1,000 00
Town Library,	500 00
Decorating the graves of Union soldiers,	100 00
Lighting streets.	600 00
	\$27,623 54

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts and expenditures made by the Treasurer of the
Town of Exeter, for the year ending March 2, 1885 :

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Town bonds and coupons,	\$4,542 00
Salary of Collector,	361 53
Discount on taxes,	636 86
School tax, district No. 4,	50 00
" " No. 5,	40 00
Bounty of woodchucks,	59 00
Sheep killed by dogs,	97 00
David T. Cilley, damages,	15 00
	\$5,801 39

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Prudential Com., Dist. No. 1.	\$6,332 23
" " No. 3,	172 05
" " No. 4,	119 28
" " No. 5.	265 86
" " No. 6,	153 16

 \$7,072 58

· Appropriation, railroad tax, etc., 7,072 58

TOWN LIBRARY.

Paid Library Committee.	\$500 00
Appropriation.	500 00

EXETER GAS LIGHT CO.

Paid A. W. Cooper, Superintendent,	\$600 00
Appropriation,	600 00

MOSES N. COLLINS POST.

Paid Frank N. Rollins,	\$100 00
Appropriation.	100 00

STATE TAX,

Paid Solon A. Carter, Treasurer.	\$5,728 00
Appropriation,	5,728 00

COUNTY TAX.

Paid W. N. Dow, Treasurer,	\$3,983 54
Appropriation,	3,983 54

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Paid Engineers,	\$78 00
Fountain No. 1,	466 00
Union No. 2,	350 00
Eagle Steamer,	182 00
Pioneer,	93 00
Hook and ladder,	120 00
J. I. Watson,	16 68
Kelly & Gardner,	24 69
C. D. Towle,	12 00
W. H. C. Follansby,	1 70
Kelly & Gardner,	6 78
C. H. Calkin,	4 54
John Kelly,	3 00
J. W. Tilton,	12 80
Brown & Warren,	1 75
Charles J. Smith,	106 00
F. O. Dewey,	1 00
C. K. Fifield,	75
John F. Ford,	1 00
J. W. Smith,	3 00
B. P. Bell,	8 00
Smith's Express,	1 75
C. D. Towle,	13 50
Merrill Bros.,	11 66
J. Hinman, repairing Chemical Engine,	177 60
John H. Taylor,	33 60
John W. Getchell,	9 35
G. B. Rollins,	5 00
D. M. Quimby, for brushes,	5 75
C. K. Fifield,	10 00
Adolphus Smart,	13 60
Exeter Coal Co.—Reservoir,	87 85
John Williams,	2 00
Exeter Machine Works,	15 92

Paid Frank P. Ritchie,	50
Exeter Gas Light Co.,	3 25
George W. Gadd,	1 45
Albert Averill,	2 57
Edward Batchelder,	85
Frank Drew,	1 00
W. M. Frazer,	8 00
Charles Currier,	33 33
N. E. Thompson,	6 00
James McNulty,	8 00
J. W. Tilton,	7 10
C. D. Towle,	21 00
Exeter Gas Light Co.,	1 40
H. G. Smith,	2 00
Eben Folsom & Co., repairing	
Union engine,	31 06
William McLane,	1 75
Charles W. Young,	17 26
Perkins Express, new hose for	
Union,	46 11
L. H. Pinkerton,	2 00
D. T. Springer,	25
B. & M. Railroad, freight,	2 60
John Gilman, reservoir,	3 75
Geo. Denoncour, brick for reser-	
voir,	14 50
Geo. Denoncour, brick for reser-	
voir,	29 00
Weeks & Staples, reservoir,	29 26
James W. Odlin, “	18 00
Henry Bean, “	21 62
Charles Strong, “	13 50
James H. Coffin, “	11 62
Henry Bean, “	8 00
Jerry Flynn, “	7 50
John Dollson, “	2 50

Paid James McNulty, reservoir,	1 50	
H. O. Fellows,	18 37	
John M. Clark,	13 12	
John McAnirland,	10 52	
" "	7 00	
J. Hinman,	12 00	
William McLane,	1 25	
D. A. Shaw,	1 50	
George W. Green,	1 10	
Exeter Gas Light Co.,	2 10	
S. M. Towle,	19 75	
A. J. Fogg,	8 25	
Milton Read,	11 00	
Charles Batchelder,	50	
Balance carried to Contingent fund,	155 64	
		\$2,500 00
Appropriation,		2,500 00

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND SIDEWALKS.

Paid Jacob Carlisle, Surveyor 1883,	\$72 00
" " 1884,	105 68
" " "	43 00
Daniel Smith, " 1883,	26 00
Jewett Conner, " 1884,	175 00
F. F. Thing,	28 75
" "	16 25
John S. Hayes,	120 00
" "	39 62
" "	84 38
" "	64 39
Noah Barker,	57 15
" "	21 62
" "	23 17
" "	4 37

Paid J. J. Folsom, Surveyor,	200 00
J. O. Marsh, “	40 62
John H. Kimball, “	38 37
“ “	17 81
L. M. Jenness, “	27 99
“ “	75 60
John M. Wadleigh, “	44 00
“ “	8 00
Newell S. Tilton, “	67 75
“ “	17 75
S. J. Colcord, “	71 25
John S. Pike, “	28 75
“ “	50 00
“ “	12 40
S. R. Peavey, “	4 50
“ “	53 62
J. O. Marsh, “	47 39
S. S. Perkins, “	42 45
S. S. Gray, “	11 37
“ “	15 75
“ “	25 00
S. S. Perkins, breaking roads,	4 88
Jewett Conner, “	10 75
S. R. Peavey, “	15 15
John Flanigan, Lincoln st.,	29 00
“ “	29 06
John M. Wadleigh, stone culvert,	25 00
John Flanigan, concrete sidewalk,	266 50
John Williams,	3 75
John M. Wadleigh,	6 50
George W. Fernald,	4 00
James W. Brown,	16 62
George W. Fernald,	12 25
George Tyler, road machine,	50 00
“ “	10 00
E. N. Chase,	8 25

Paid H. C. Moses, watering trough.	\$12 00
Flora L. Buxton, gravel.	10 33
Edwin Batchelder,	20 29
Marcellus Day, drain pipe.	100 00
Staples & Currier,	14 88
J. W. Tilton,	7 75
N. T. Batchelder,	65 85
Estate of Geo. S. Yeaton,	2 00
Peter O'Neil,	1 10
George W. Wiggin,	14 40
Carlisle & Wadleigh, plank,	137 89
Joseph R. Staples,	17 37
E. N. Gilman,	29 50
George W. Clark,	3 68
William Conner,	13 50
S. J. Colcord,	26 00
B. & M. R. R., freight,	7 00
George Denoncour, brick,	47 13
S. M. Towle,	43 50
“	30 00
“	98 75
H. E. Read & Co.,	150 00
John Gilman,	33 00
N. T. Batchelder,	71 87
George Denoncour.	5 52
S. M. Towle,	9 50
Exeter Coal Co.,	30 00
Noah Barker,	5 76
Gilman Barker, gravel,	8 75
J. O. Marsh,	11 75
J. A. Batchelder,	2 00
S. S. Dudley,	5 47
John M. Clark,	4 80
Daniel Smith, breaking roads,	15 00
D. F. Hayes, gravel,	28 25
Exeter Manufacturing Co.,	39 80

Paid Heirs of John Emery,	89 00
Geo. W. Green,	3 34
John S. Hayes, Surveyor,	20 62
“ breaking roads,	48 18
S. S. Perkins, “	14 44
S. R. Peavey, “	21 82
S. S. Perkins, Surveyor,	14 38
L. M. Jenness, “	18 77
Joseph O. Marsh, “	23 25
A. J. Fogg,	6 00
John H. Kimball, breaking roads,	10 38
S. J. Colcord,	25 00
W. W. Stickney,	20 00
Peter O'Neil,	4 00
Geo. W. Fernald,	11 00
J. J. Folsom,	348 81
D. F. Hayes,	23 75
Edward Giddings,	113 87
	\$4,134 46
Appropriation,	\$3,500 00
From Contingent fund,	634 46
	\$4,134 46

POLICE AND CONSTABLES.

Paid C. K. Fifield, notifying town offi- cers,	\$20 00
C. K. Fifield, special,	3 00
John P. Elkins,	66 26
Edmund Thurston,	24 84
C. H. Calkin,	50 63
John P. Elkins,	15 95
C. H. Calkin,	7 00

Paid Exeter Coal Co.,	1 40
John P. Elkins,	17 53
Edmund Thurston,	43 95
Edmund Thurston,	41 11
C. D. Towle,	2 00
J. W. Tilton, special,	9 00
Madison Sleeper, special,	3 00
G. B. Rollins, "	3 00
H. B. Cobbs, "	3 00
G. B. Rollins, "	3 00
H. B. Cobbs, "	3 00
Felix Hanna,	9 05
C. D. Towle,	1 00
Exeter Gas Light Co.,	2 70
Patrick Broderick,	4 00
C. K. Knight, witness,	2 31
Exeter Gas Light Co.,	7 20
E. Mayers, witness,	77
C. H. Staples, "	77
A. H. Gray, "	77
Stephen Gray, "	77
Clarence Gray, "	77
John C. Dutch, "	77
Charles Block, "	77
C. H. Colcord, "	77
J. W. Tilton,	23 00
C. H. Calkin,	3 00
Jefferson Maxwell	34 84
John P. Elkins,	2 00
Arthur Fuller,	4 00
Henry A. Shute, Police Judge,	200 00
James W. Odlin, Chief,	65 00
C. K. Fifield,	63 03
George Munsey, special,	3 00
Joseph Willis,	3 00
Estate of A. Wood,	50 00

Paid Levi G. Towle,	7 50	
Carried to Contingent fund,	65 16	
		\$873 62
Appropriation,	\$500 00	
Fines, &c., Police Court,	373 62	
		\$873 62

EXPENSES OF TOWN HALL.

Paid Exeter Coal Co.,	\$178 12	
John Taylor, janitor,	241 55	
Gas bills,	121 30	
Balance carried to Contingent fund.	4 33	
		\$545 30
Received for use of Town Hall.		\$545 30

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Jewett Conner, for wood,	\$48 37
Geo. W. Wiggin, "	83 25
" " "	39 00
Exeter Coal Co.,	81 38
" "	62 51
A. R. Wiggin,	14 00
Chas. A. Merrill,	10 25
Fleming & Nealey,	5 00
John M. Clark,	12 00
Dr. E. Bartlett,	59 50
Dr. W. G. Perry,	14 00
Levi G. Towle,	10 00
Lorenzo Nealey, wood,	6 50
S. S. Thyng,	12 25
Mrs. David Robinson,	22 00
James Mitchell,	34 32

Paid Insane Asylum,	\$120 00	
Mrs. Winthrop Thing,	85 00	
Mrs. Ritchie,	6 00	
George M. Weeks,	31 50	
Mehitable Daniels,	66 00	
Lewis Periot,	6 00	
Charles Haley,	6 00	
Geo. W. Farnald, coal,	13 50	
Kelly & Gardner,	104 00	
Betsey O. Marsh,	65 00	
Mrs. A. H. Weeks, room rent,	10 00	
Sarah Pollard,	78 00	
E. B. Kimball,	78 00	
Mrs. John Leavitt,	71 50	
Norah Foley,	6 00	
T. G. Lang,	48 50	
Mrs. Eliza Lang,	71 15	
Delia Mullins,	90 25	
Charles Haley,	13 35	
John Johnston,	4 00	
H. F. Dunn,	11 00	
Lorenzo Nealey, wood,	15 00	
S. J. Dudley,	67 00	
L. B. Smith, wood,	25 50	
L. G. Towle,	6 50	
Balance carried to Contingent fund,	589 01	
		\$2202 09
Appropriation,	\$1000 00	
From County Rockingham for poor,	1202 09	
		\$2202 09

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Auditors,	\$12 00
Dr. W. G. Perry, reporting births and deaths,	11 25

Paid Dr. E. Bartlett, reporting births	
and deaths,	\$1 50
Dr. W. R. Davis, reporting births	
and deaths,	2 25
Charles Batchelder,	59 25
A. J. Hoyt,	7 50
First Congregational society,	2 50
Eagle Steamer,	14 00
Exeter Gas Light Co.,	26 68
Thompson & Batchelder,	14 68
Eben Folsom & Co.,	14 25
Kelly & Gardner,	57 66
John Flanigan,	21 00
Patrick Broderick,	5 00
Albert Averill,	12 42
Insurance,	90 00
Freeman Wallace,	2 50
W. P. Moulton,	2 00
Perkins' Express,	5 75
A. C. Buswell,	25
Kelly & Gardner,	21 19
Exeter Gas Light Co., lamp posts,	66 98
A. J. Hoyt,	4 00
Charles W. Colbath,	3 12
Marcellus Day,	80 00
B. & M. R. R., freight,	12 50
" " "	14 00
" " rent,	1 00
John E. Gardner,	200 00
G. B. Rollins,	6 00
Brown & Warren,	160 74
Exeter Tree Protecting Co.,	27 75
John W. Getchell,	77 00
Ivan T. Purinton, town clock,	50 00
James I. Watson, town clock,	16 50
William B. Morrill, printing,	194 50

Paid Minerva Sinclair,	\$1 50	
C. H. Calkin,	15 91	
A. J. Fogg,	66 30	
B. & M. R. R., fares,	2 58	
Supervisors,	75 00	
James H. Batchelder,	17 11	
B. & M. R. R., fares,	3 18	
Health officers,	30 00	
School Committee,	80 00	
Estate of A. Wood,	50 00	
Hannah Brown,	8 00	
Geo. W. Leavitt,	2 85	
Charles W. Young,	62 19	
Dr. A. H. Varney, reporting,	1 25	
D. M. Quimby, repairing clock,	25 00	
John P. Elkins, truant officer,	10 00	
John Johnson, ringing bell and winding clock,	100 00	
W. H. Belknap, Town Clerk,	168 60	
Overseers of Exeter poor,	150 00	
Selectmen,	375 00	
Jewett Conner,	15 59	
J. J. Folsom,	5 50	
J. D. P. Wingate,	15 00	
		\$2,578 28
Appropriation,	\$1,500 00	
From contingent fund,	1,078 28	
		<u>\$2,578 28</u>

 RECEIPTS.

Taxes for the year 1884, including non-resident highway, and dog taxes,	\$29,152 12
Cash from Selectmen,	7,437 32
Outstanding taxes,	1,756 75
Cash on hand March 1, 1884,	7,670 15
	\$46,016 34

 AUDITOR'S REPORT.

EXETER, N. H., March 4, 1885.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer, as exhibited to us by him, and find them well vouched and correctly cast, and find a balance of eight thousand and seventy-two dollars and thirty-eight cents, (\$8,072.38) in his hands.

WILLIAM B. MORRILL,	} Auditors.
B. JUDSON PERKINS,	
JOHN P. ELKINS	

RECAPITULATION.

Town bonds and coupons,	\$1,542 00
Salary of Collector,	361 53
Discount on taxes,	636 86
School tax, District No. 4,	50 00
" " 5,	40 00
Bounty on woodchucks,	59 00
Sheep killed by dogs,	97 00
David T. Cilley, damage,	15 00
Schools,	7,072 58
Town Library,	500 00
Exeter Gas Light Co.,	600 00
Moses N. Collins Post,	100 00
State tax,	5,728 00
County tax,	3,983 54
Fire Department,	2,344 36
Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks,	4,134 46
Police and Constables,	808 46
Support of Poor,	1,613 08
Miscellaneous,	2,578 28
Town Hall,	540 97
Abatements of Taxes, 1882,	92 60
" " 1883,	230 05
" " 1884,	243 96
Outstanding Taxes, 1882,	71 47
" " 1883,	34 80
" " 1884,	1,465 96
Cash on hand,	8,072 38

\$46,016 34

JOHN E. GARDNER, Town Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

DR.

Insurance tax,	\$37 50
Railroad tax,	2,740 84
Savings Bank tax,	2,130 08
Literary Fund,	276 64
Rent of Town Hall,	545 30
County of Rockingham,	1,232 34
Fines &c., Police court,	373 62
Mary P. White, land on Lincoln street,	10 00
Eliza J. Davis, land rent,	2 00
School Dist. No. 1, land rent,	30 00
Bounty on woodchucks,	59 00
Outstanding taxes prior to 1879,	2,504 07
	\$9,941 39

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Paid Town Treasurer, as per receipts,	\$7,437 32
Abatements of taxes prior to 1879,	2,257 63
Outstanding taxes, 1878.	246 41

\$9,941 39

JEWETT CONNER, } Selectmen
JOSIAH J. FOLSOM, } of
ANDREW J. FOGG, } Exeter.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

EXETER, N. H., March 4, 1885.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen, as exhibited to us by them, and find them well vouched and correctly cast.

WILLIAM B. MORRILL, }
B. JUDSON PERKINS, } Auditors.
JOHN P. ELKINS, }

TOWN INDEBTEDNESS.

Town Bonds, 6 per cent.,	\$6,000 00
“ “ 4 “	24,000 00
Oliver L. Giddings, land damages,	20 00
	\$30,020 00

ASSETS.

Outstanding taxes, 1878,	\$216 44
“ “ 1882,	71 47
“ “ 1883,	34 80
“ “ 1884,	1,465 96
Cash,	8,072 38
	\$9,891 05

Three thousand dollars of Town Bonds, due March 1, 1885, have been paid from the surplus in the treasury, March 1, 1884, without any assessment therefor, and the Selectmen recommend that the three thousand dollars of Bonds due March 1, 1886, be paid from the surplus in the treasury the present year.

JEWETT CONNER, } Selectmen
 JOSIAH J. FOLSOM, } of
 ANDREW J. FOGG, } Exeter.

TO THE TOWN OF EXETER :

The Committee appointed at the last annual meeting to recommend what sums of money should be raised for the expenditures of the town, for the year 1885-6, have attended to that duty and recommend that the town raise the following sums :

For the payment of the State tax,	\$5,728 00
“ “ County tax,	7,093 97
Schools by law,	5,012 00
Schools in addition,	1,200 00
Interest on the Town debt	1,320 00
Fire Department,	2,300 00
Highways,	2,500 00
Bridges and sidewalks,	1,000 00
Police and Constables,	500 00
Support of the poor,	800 00
Town Library,	500 00
Decorating the graves of Union Soldiers,	100 00
Lighting the streets.	664 00
Miscellaneous,	1,500 00

Price of labor on the highways, \$1.25 per day of ten hours, and the pay of the firemen one dollar per month.

In estimating the amount for lighting the streets, we have added to the appropriation of last year a pro rata amount for the four new lights ordered by the Town, and we recommend that when any new lights are ordered by the town hereafter, that the town pay therefor a sum not exceeding the pro rata amount paid for existing lights.

We have made no recommendation for any appropriation

to meet the \$3000, of bonds falling due the coming year, because the Selectmen assure us that the existing surplus will be sufficient to take care of them without raising an additional amount by taxation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. BELL.
JOSIAH BATCHELDER.
SAMUEL S. THYNG.
W. N. DOW.
J. D. LYMAN.

Exeter, N. H., March 10, 1885.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

In compliance with an ordinance relating to the Fire Department, the undersigned submits the annual report, including a list of fires, together with losses and insurance collected.

The very remarkable exemption from fires and alarms, and complete immunity from serious or even ordinary conflagrations, is a subject of general congratulation. Other communities have been visited, and in some instances the losses have been largely in excess of previous years, but we have escaped almost untouched. It is but about one decade since, in the short space of two years and a half, there were in Exeter twenty-six alarms of fire, and sixteen of them within the last fifteen months, while since my appointment last April there have been but seven, and only six in which the department was called out, and in a majority of instances the fires were comparatively trivial. The loss sums up with the exception of the barn of Chase Wiggin, Esq., only \$910.00, computed in part by the amount paid by the insurance companies and in part by the best estimates to be made. In the meantime there has been no relaxation of interest upon the part of the Department, whose discipline has been fully kept up. It has always been ready, and it is gratifying to witness the interest manifested by the Department and the ambition which each company shows to get on the first stream. My own opinion is that encouragement should be given the different companies, that such efforts are laudable, and if it can be stimulated it is perfectly proper to do it. This can be brought about by an effort on the part of

the Board of Engineers, backed by the town, to afford the companies all that is reasonably proper to keep their apparatus in fine order, allowing all reasonable expense to that end, and thereby accomplish the objects desired. Since the report of my predecessor, the Babcock Chemical Extinguisher has been thoroughly repaired and is now in good condition, and I am pleased to say, has done good service. It was the only part of the Department put in use at the fire of Mr. Sleeper, or the more recent one at Dr. Dearborn's. The rest of the Department were promptly on hand, but owing to the insignificance of the fires their services were not needed. I found it necessary to repair the boiler of the Eagle steamer and took immediate steps to that end. It is now in good condition, but in order to keep the "boys" *proud* should have a new coat of paint. It was also necessary to do some other repairs on the Eagle, of minor importance, such as cutting tires, etc. I have purchased 100 feet of new hose for the Union, at a cost of \$75, part of which was paid by turning in some old hose which had been condemned and was out of use and valueless except to clutter the engine houses. I consider the two hand engines of little service in case of an extensive conflagration, and shall be glad when the town so considers them and votes to purchase a third-class steamer. We can then have from the two steamers four streams, which will be incessant, and no tiring of muscles to operate them.

On the 9th of April, about 3 o'clock in the morning, the Department was called to the fire of C. C. Stevens, on Portsmouth Avenue. His barn and shed were consumed, with other property therein, and the L of the house seriously damaged. Great loss was avoided by attending to the extinguishment of the fire, and not moving the furniture from the house. Loss, \$350; insurance, \$300.

The fire at George W. James' store on Middle street, was the next in course, and occurred on the 25th of August, at about the same time in the morning (3 o'clock.) Can hardly

estimate the loss by this fire, as the building was small, of but little account, only the roof burned off, and no repairs made since the fire. I have, nevertheless, for the sake of a full presentation of losses, estimated the entire loss of Messrs. James and Brown at \$200.

The next fire was the barn of Chase Wiggin, on the Newmarket road, so called. I attended it, not knowing when I started where it was, but presuming it was back of the village and in South Newmarket. It broke out about 11 p. m., and when I arrived there it was down, and the fire had completed its work. The Department was not started, and it would have been the height of folly to have attempted it. Insurance, \$1,100; loss about double.

The next fire was at the house of Madison Sleeper, on the memorable 25th of November, at about 7 o'clock in the evening. There was rather an unusual occurrence in town that night, which served to deceive—many of the Department not realizing what caused the fire bell to ring, but few thinking it really meant fire. It was extinguished by the use of the Babcock alone, as before stated, and the damage was paid by the insurance company, \$150.

Brown & Warren's planing mill was found to be on fire about 8 1-2 o'clock, on the 5th of December. It was soon extinguished by the united efforts of the Babcock, Union and Steamer. Loss, \$10.

The next fire was the barn of Jerry Smith, on River street. The alarm was at 11 p. m., on the 15th of January. The loss was total, including one pig and a barn full of hay, estimated at \$150

At about 8 o'clock on the evening of January 17, an alarm was given which proved to be in the house of Dr. Geo. W. Dearborn, corner of Front and Water streets, which was soon extinguished by the use of the Babcock alone. This was considered a fortunate discovery being at so early an hour in the evening; if it had not been discovered until a late

hour the conflagration would in all probability have been extensive. Loss, \$50 ; paid by insurance company.

In the late summer together with the Foreman of the Eagle Steamer, I made an examination of the different reservoirs in town to ascertain their true condition with regard to their efficiency in case of fire, and was surprised to find many of them nearly dry and but few containing water of any amount. The two on Front street, one opposite the Common and the other opposite the residence of Hon. W. W. Stickney, were the poorest in town, neither of them containing at that time over one foot of water. Feeling the importance of having that locality better protected, after consultation with the Selectmen it was decided to have a reservoir of good capacity in Academy street, and we soon commenced the work. It was an expensive job, owing to the constant caving of the sides. We however succeeded in sinking a well fifteen feet deep and twelve feet in diameter, which filled before the rains so that the water can be reached with the hand. There are no fears of its ever becoming dry. Cost of construction, \$295.37.

I think it practical if the old Hand Tabs are to be kept in use, to recommend an appropriation for new hose, and also to newly paint the house on Middle street and the wood finish about the Steamer house.

My cordial acknowledgements are due to the Board of Engineers and the officers and members of the department. The former for their advice and interest manifested in the success of the Department, and the latter for their zeal and efficiency in the performance of their duties.

JAMES W. ODLIN,
Chief Engineer Fire Department.

Exeter, N. H., Feb. 24, 1885.

ROBINSON SEMINARY.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ROBINSON
FEMALE SEMINARY :

During the year that has passed since I submitted my last report one school year has been finished and the work of another more than half completed. In the administration of the school during this time, old methods have been improved, new ones adopted, wholly or in part; some plans considered for present application, others held in abeyance for future disposition. The end and aim of all our endeavors have been the enhanced usefulness of the Seminary as an educating power. The results—if ever results can be properly estimated without the summary of years—are in the highest degree encouraging. These are due chiefly to the hearty coöperation of a most efficient corps of associate teachers.

To give a *resume* of work done; to explain the nature of our new methods, and the changes in the old; to lay before you plans for the future; and to bring to your generous consideration the needs of the Seminary are the purposes of this report. The review in detail of the work of the several grades will be omitted except where it is necessary in explanation of important changes.

The plan of work adopted at the beginning of the school year of 1883-84 was continued to the end. At the close, June 11, '84, Miss Bessie P. Grouard and Miss Lora W.

Lane were graduated with credit both to themselves and to the Seminary.

With the new school year many of the changes and innovations offered for your consideration in my report and elsewhere, were put into application. The course of study is now graded throughout in a manner as nearly complete as possible. It is my aim to give the pupils the advantages of a complete system of gradation. At the same time the length of the course and the organization of the school render a certain amount of latitude in promotion not inconsistent with sound scholarship. By this means it is hoped to avoid the common result of graded systems, productive of bodily and mental harm to girls, of "cramming" and "machine" progress.

DEPARTMENT TEACHING.—In teaching as in any other professional, or in any mechanical employment, the concentration of energies upon special work, in which natural capacity and predilection may have fullest scope, is productive of the best results. In the organization of the school, the work has been made as special as possible. The general plan, and the proper government of the large number of pupils who are present with several of the teachers during both study and recitation periods, preclude the possibility of the strictest classification. But work for which each is especially adapted, and which is as little incongruous as possible, is performed by each teacher. The Natural Sciences, Greek, and Elocution in the upper classes, are taught by the principal; Latin by Mrs. Knight; Higher Mathematics, English, and Composition by Miss Rice; French and German by Professor Faulhaber; higher English Grammar, Ancient History, Physical Geography, Physiology of the Fourth class, and Reading in the four lower grades, by Miss Lufkin; Language, Geography and elements of Natural History by Miss Chase; and Arithmetic, elements of Algebra, and Modern History by Miss Grouard. Miss Bell is in charge of all the classes in Drawing and

Painting, and instructs the Seniors in Art. The vocal music is taught by Miss Gustine.

In determining the nature and amount of work to be done by the younger grades, it became necessary to meet the requirements of two classes of pupils. All need the principles of Arithmetic, the salient facts of Geography, and the correct use of the English language instilled by intelligent instruction and persistent drill. For one class of pupils the rudimentary practice is but a preparation for a more extended course of study. To the other, now fortunately smaller but no less important class, the one, two, or three years' discipline in the preparatory grades becomes the entire education,—the only preparation for life's responsibilities. It is not wise to assign to pupils who will complete the course, subjects that can be more profitably pursued in maturer years. On the other hand the needs of the less privileged are not met if studies of every day importance are assigned a place too late in the curriculum. It is hoped, however, that the course as now arranged, harmonizes these conflicting interests. For the welfare of all, special effort has been made to introduce the *best methods* in teaching the so called "rudiments."

ARITHMETIC.—All the Arithmetic classes are under the instruction of one teacher with most encouraging results. Instead of being required to go over a certain amount of ground in a prescribed time, classes are advanced only with the intelligent comprehension of their work. At the same time they are able to finish the subject half a year sooner than formerly. By this means eighteen weeks of the study of Algebra are introduced into the preparatory course. Whether the interests of this department will not be furthered by a change of text-book in Arithmetic, is a question demanding early consideration.

GEOGRAPHY.—Important changes have been made in the teaching of Geography also. All this work except that of Physical Geography, is performed by one teacher. Natural methods are used in giving instruction. During the first

year the text-book is used only as a supplement. The technical definitions often thrust at children at the outset, are avoided. They are taught the relation of maps to the areas they outline, by a study of their own town, and a subsequent careful mapping of the same upon the black board. The adjacent towns are then studied and added to the map nucleus. Thus the pupil's knowledge and the map areas are broadened together, step by step. Facts in natural and political history, which pertain to the subject, are introduced into each day's lesson. Harper's text-book is made the basis of the second year's study. Every available means is used to illustrate, and lend interest to the study.

ENGLISH GRAMMAR.—It is safe to say that there is no subject brought to the attention of young pupils, in the improper teaching of which, so much valuable time is wasted, or that exposes teachers to more just criticism than that of English Grammar. The results that need to be attained in the Grammar course of the Seminary are twofold,—a practical knowledge of the principles of the language, and a drill in the analysis of construction as a special preparation for the study of Latin in the subsequent course. An appreciation of its great need in our school and of the importance of the end that should be attained, has induced me to give much time to the study of methods in the most successful schools, and to the examination of text-books. A method has been formulated and applied somewhat as follows: During the first year pupils are taught by simple directions, numerous examples, and illustrations, *how* to use the language correctly. No suggestion of the terrors of parts of speech and grammatical principles is given. The second year, the parts of speech are taught and general principles of the language unfolded. Sentence-building with the aid of diagrams is introduced. The work of the third year, is to acquire the principles much more in detail, and to analyze and parse simple sentences. During the fourth and last year, complex and involved instructions, false syntax, and the refine-

ments of the English are considered, and an exhaustive analytical drill given. The text-book for the first year is Mrs. Knox's "How to Speak and Write Correctly;" for the second, Reed and Kellog's "Graded Lessons in English;" for the third, the same author's "Higher Lessons in English." During the last year no text-book is in use. Both teachers who have this subject in charge are in full sympathy with the plan, appreciate what is required of them, and are doing the work in a most satisfactory manner.

READING AND ELOCUTION.—The important subject of reading, which in former years has been assigned to several, is now entirely in the hands of two teachers. The lady who instructs the lower grades brings to her work an enthusiasm and natural tact enhanced by a valuable course in the Boston College of Oratory. The pupils are interested and are making marked progress. On two Friday afternoons, once during the Fall term, and again on the occasion of Longfellow's birthday, the pupils have digressed from their usual rhetorical exercises, prepared special programmes, and invited in their friends. On both occasions the peculiar fitness of the teacher for her work, and the proficiency of the classes were demonstrated.

The pupils of the four upper grades are instructed in reading and elocution by the principal. The aim of the instruction is to make the young ladies readers possessed of good voices, clear articulation, and such a knowledge of the laws of expression as shall enable them to impart subject matter in an intelligible and agreeable manner. In addition to voice drill, some attention is paid to dramatic action and gesture. The object of this is not to make dramatic readers but to enable pupils to gain self control and refinement. Nothing will help young ladies more rapidly to the possession of the desirable qualities of modest self confidence, and the equipoise of good breeding than to be occasionally placed face to face with a sympathizing audience, if they be well fortified by judicious and

faithful preparation. In furtherance of this plan certain Friday afternoons are set apart as public sessions. Several pupils are selected to present readings or compositions. Opportunity is given them for some special instruction and they present a programme of rhetorical exercises interspersed with music. Fifteen girls whose rank indicated special proficiency in reading and composition during the Fall term, were selected to take part in a public exercise at the close of the term. A similar exercise is contemplated for the end of the winter term. To all the invitations to be present at our public exercises, the friends of the Seminary have responded in large numbers.

RHETORIC AND LITERATURE.—As suggested in my former report Rhetoric and English Literature are taken up in the academic course earlier than formerly, thus more directly supplementing the study of the grammar, and at the same time making it possible to devote a longer time to the study of Literature. American Literature also has been added to the course. During the fifth year eighteen weeks are devoted to this subject with the use of Royse's text book. In all the work of this department a spirit of inquiry beyond the limits of the text book is fostered, portions of the writings of the authors studied, are critically read in class, and every endeavor is made to cultivate literary taste and discrimination of the highest order.

LATIN AND GREEK.—No part of the school work shows more conclusively the advantage of a department system than the Latin. All the classes are now under the care of one teacher. The result is most gratifying both in quality and quantity of work. The study of Greek covers two years. The college preparatory course is now fully established and forms an important part of the curriculum. Four of the seven ladies in the Senior class are pursuing this course and and at graduation will be well prepared for admission to any college for young women.

FRENCH AND GERMAN.—Prof. Faulhaber continues the use

of the Natural Method in his classes. He combines with this a great amount of grammatical drill. The more advanced French classes use Dr. Sauver's text book of Grammar in the French language.

NATURAL PHILOSOPHY AND CHEMISTRY.—The time devoted to Natural Philosophy is four recitations per week throughout the Junior year. During the past year the apparatus for illustration has been very much improved and increased at slight expense. So long as the needs of the pupils can be met by class instruction, without individual work, this department both in facilities for demonstration and in time devoted to the study, is in a satisfactory condition, and will compare very favorably with that of similar institutions.

In order to transfer the study of Chemistry to a later place in the course the subject will not be taught at all during the present year. But with the beginning of the next school year a large class will be well prepared to take up the study in its proper place. Chemistry, both organic and inorganic, is of the utmost value to young women, and its practical importance increases greatly from year to year. The course prescribes four hours per week throughout the sixth year to be devoted to this study, and gives an option of eighteen weeks of Qualitative Analysis in the Junior year. But the means for doing this work are quite inadequate. We have nothing that can be termed a laboratory. Encouraged by the generous manner in which you have responded to all my appeals in the past I earnestly ask that this defect may be remedied in season to meet the wants of next year. Two rooms should be fitted up, one as a lecture and recitation room, the other as a laboratory for individual work. There are two rooms in the basement of our building that for size, light and means for perfect ventilation leave nothing to be desired. Furthermore they are already provided with gas, steam and cold water, and conveniently situated for the introduction of hot water from the boiler room. No argument need be adduced to prove that increased interest and success in the

study of Chemistry will result from the use of a good laboratory. Success in working with chemicals with our present inadequate means is impossible, and more, the attempt will be productive of inaccuracy, untidy habits, and discouragement, and sometimes positively harmful to the health of the pupils. The cost of such an improvement will be moderate and entirely within our means. I shall be glad to lay before you at any time plans and estimates.

BOTANY.—The study of mere external forms of plants though an instructive and delightful pursuit, is, in the present stage of the science of Botany, as far from the real pith of the subject, as would be the same treatment of animal life. The anatomy and physiology of the plant are now of vital importance to the learner. The scalpel and compound microscope should be familiar and effective instruments in the hands of our older pupils as means of instruction, discipline in observation, and to prepare the way for an understanding of biological laws. A knowledge of the parts of a plant and of the analysis and classification of the same should precede such study. It will be well to continue the Natural History lessons during the first three years of the course and to enlarge their scope to include the substance of Gray's Lessons. Such a plan will have two-fold utility, furnishing valuable instructions to those who early terminate their course, and to others a preparation for the study of tissues.

The other essential changes in the course of study either made or proposed, are an elective in Book-Keeping two hours per week during the fifth year, and the substitution of Ethics for Mental Science.

MUSIC.—This department, as now conducted, cannot fail to be a most important factor in the accomplishment of that end to which all the teachers are most earnestly devoted, the enhanced usefulness and good name of our Seminary both at home and abroad. The school has profited not only by faithful instruction from the music teacher, but by her generous efforts in obtaining a new piano for its use.

DRAWING AND ART.—The reputation which so many of the Seminary pupils have gained in drawing and painting is proof positive of the advantage of the extended course in drawing as well as of the wisdom of retaining an enthusiastic and successful teacher as long as possible. All the work of this department is in a condition of the highest excellence. The artistic taste which is developed to a greater or less degree in the majority of the pupils by the successive years' instruction in drawing, is given direction and discrimination by a course in Art during the Senior year. This important work can be well supplemented by good pictures on our walls and other works of art in different parts of the building. During the past year several valuable pictures have been added to the small collection already ornamenting the various rooms by framing and hanging some of the beautiful carbon photographs presented to the Seminary some years since by Mrs. E. A. Tibbets. The wish of the teacher of Art that more may be done in this direction will be approved by all the friends of the Seminary.

VISITORS.—It is gratifying to report a greatly increased number of visitors over that of last year. This is in part due to the public rhetorical exercises that have been given from time to time. But it is hoped that it is to some extent an evidence of increasing interest, on the part of the friends of the school, in its daily work. It will be much to the advantage of the institution, an encouragement to teachers and an inspiration to pupils, if the number of visitors shall become still larger in future. To this report is appended a schedule of the daily recitations and other exercises of each class. The table gives the entire programme for the year subject to some minor modifications for the convenience of teachers or classes. With the schedule allow me, in the name of all the teachers, to invite parents and all interested friends to be present at any of the exercises of the school.

The nature of our work—a preparing of the ground and a sowing of seed whose harvest will be in the passing years,

precludes the possibility of a report of determined results at present. The Seminary has not yet attained to the highest usefulness of which it is capable. But its outlook is most hopeful. Instructors and pupils feel a personal responsibility in its success or failure. To the faithfulness, zeal and ability of my associate teachers, I feel that I cannot pay too high a tribute. Their coöperation has enabled me to make the changes satisfactorily and with some degree of success to carry out the plans recorded in these pages. In closing, allow me to extend to your honorable board my warmest thanks for the support you have given me in the discharge of my duty, for the generous responses you have repeatedly made to my petitions for expenditures in improvement, and for the expression of your interest in the school's highest welfare, all of which I trust may be potent forces in enlarging the sphere of usefulness vouchsafed the Robinson Seminary.

GEORGE N. CROSS, Principal.

PROGRAMME OF STUDIES.

Time.	Senior.	Junior.	Grade 6.	Grade 5.	Grade 4.	Grade 3.	Grade 2.	Grade 1.
Monday. 9.20 o'clock.								
10	Astronomy or Gen. Literature	Virgil.	Geometry.	Algebra. Drawing. Music.	Language. Music.	Drawing. Music.	Arithmetic. Reading.	Language.
10.50	Greek.	Music.	Music.		Physical Geog. Physiology.	Arithmetic.	Geography or Language.	Drawing.
11.30	Pol. Economy or Moral Science.	Physics.	Cesar.		French.	Reading.	Drawing.	Music.
2			French.	Latin.	Arithmetic or Algebra.		Music.	Reading.
2.40		Eng. Literature	Chemistry or Geology.	French. American Lit. or Rhetoric.	Drawing. Ancient or Modern History	Language.	U. S. History.	Arithmetic
3.20		German.				Physical Geog. or U. S. History.		Geography.
Tuesday. 9.20 o'clock.	Art or Latin Prose.	Physics.	Geometry.	Algebra.	Language.	Arithmetic.	Drawing.	Language.
10	Virgil.	Virgil.	Drawing.		Drawing.	Drawing.	Arithmetic.	Reading.
10.50			Cesar.		Phys. Geog. or Physiology.	Language.	U. S. History.	Arithmetic.
11.30	Greek.	Drawing.			French.	Reading.	Writing.	Writing.
2		German.	Rhetoric or Eng. Literature.	Latin.	Arithmetic or Algebra.			Geography.
2.40		Eng. Literature.	Chemistry or Geology.	French. American Lit. or Rhetoric.	Ancient or Modern History	History.	Natural History	Natural History
3.20			French.			Gen. Informa.	Geography.	
Wednesday. 9.20 o'clock.	Virgil.	Eng. Literature.			Language.	Arithmetic.		

10	Astronomy or Gen. Literature.	Physics.	Cæsar.	American Lit. or Rhetoric.	Phys. Geog. or Physiology.	Reading, Language.	Arithmetic, History.	Language, Arithmetic.
10.50	Greek.	Cicero or Virgil.	French, Chemistry or Geology.	Latin. French.	Arithmetic or Algebra.	U. S. History.	Spelling, Reading.	Spelling, Geography.
2		German.		Book-Keeping.	Ancient or Modern History.		Geography or Language.	Reading.
2.40		Drawing.	Geometry.	Algebra.	Language.	Arithmetic.	Reading.	Language.
3.20		Cicero or Virgil.	Music.	Drawing	Music.	Music.	Language or History.	Drawing.
Thursday. 9.20 o'clock.	Virgil.	Music.	Drawing.	Music.	Reading.	Spelling.	Music.	Arithmetic.
10	Greek Prose.	Physics.	Rhetoric or Eng. Literature.	Latin.	French.	U. S. History.	Arithmetic.	Music.
10.50	Pol. Economy or Moral Science.	German.	Chemistry or Geology.	Book-Keeping.	Arithmetic or Algebra.	U. S. History.	Geography or Language.	Reading.
11.30			French.		Ancient or Modern History.			Geography.
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2.40								
3.20								
Friday. 9.20 o'clock.	Astronomy or Gen. Literature.	Eng. Literature.	Geometry.	Algebra.	Reading.	Arithmetic	Arithmetic.	Language.
10	Virgil.	Latin Prose.	Cæsar.	Reading.	Phys. Geog. or Physiology.	Reading, Language.	Language.	Arithmetic.
10.50	Greek.	Reading.	Reading.		Writing.	Writing.	Spelling.	Spelling.
11.30		Elocution.	Elocution.	Elocution.	Gen. Exercises.	U. S. History.	Geography.	Geography.
2	Reading.						Gen. Exercises.	Gen. Exercises.
2.40	Elocution.							

ROBINSON FEMALE SEMINARY.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROBINSON FEMALE SEMINARY AND
SELECTMEN OF EXETER :

The undersigned, Treasurer of the Robinson Female Seminary, submits the following report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1885.

RECEIPTS.

Received dividends on stocks,	\$7,783 00
Interests on bonds, etc.,	2,476 67
For exemption from taxation on New York bank stocks for the year 1884,	1,111 19
For bank stock sold,	5,985 00
For tuitions,	186 50
For grass sold from Seminary grounds,	30 00
Cash on hand March 1st, 1884,	121 11
	\$17,693 47

PAYMENTS.

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Teachers' salaries.	\$6,929 76
Fuel,	570 47
Gas,	9 10

Janitor,	366 00
Music at Commencement,	75 00
Class expenses,	40 00
Ribbon, &c., for Diplomas,	1 50
Town hall expenses at Commencement,	17 50
“ “ “ ’83,	17 45
New clock,	8 00
Printing,	52 50
Supplies,	71 77
Carpets,	42 22
Books, stationery and chemicals,	123 29
Cleaning,	22 92
Tuning piano,	2 00
Repairing of heating apparatus,	22 72
“ furniture,	14 40
Express and freight,	5 70
Trucking and breaking paths,	29 50
	\$8,421 80

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Secretary's salary,	\$25 00
Treasurer's salary,	350 00
Safe deposit, 2 years,	20 00
Reports of stocks,	5 00
Expenses on highway,	15 00
Interest,	4 60
Incidental expenses,	43 50
	\$463 10

INVESTMENTS.

New stock,	\$6,000 00
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SEMINARY GROUNDS.

Lumber for walks and fences,	\$25 78
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SCHOOL LABORATORY.

New apparatus,	\$96 08	
Repairs of apparatus.	1 63	
		\$97 71

SCHOOL EDIFICE.

Repairing slates of roof,	\$36 40	
New tinning of roof,	115 32	
Painting roof and ventilators,	69 70	
Carpenters for trusses, for roof &c.,	55 99	
Mason, repairing plastering.	42 75	
Painting interior,	1,000 00	
Cleaning,	55 65	
Repairing front doors, &c.,	9 65	
		\$1,385 46

RECAPITULATION.

School expenses,	\$8,421 80	
General expenses,	463 10	
Investments,	6,000 00	
Seminary grounds,	25 78	
School laboratory,	97 71	
School edifice,	1,385 46	
Cash on hand,	1,299 62	
		\$17,693 47

Within the year 60 shares of Merchandise National Bank, Boston, have been sold, \$5,985 00

Three instalments have been paid for new stock issued by the Delaware & Hudson Canal Co., making the amount of D. & H. stock, 700 shares, \$6,000 00

In the Spring of 1884, the Metropolitan National Bank of New York suspended payment. The Seminary holds 75

shares of stock of this bank. With aid afforded by the New York Clearing House, the bank resumed payment. At a meeting in Nov. a majority of the stockholders voted that the bank should go into voluntary liquidation. The Seminary has not received any income from this bank since my last report. All the other investments have paid regular dividends.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. GARDNER,

TREASURER.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Committee on the Town Library submit the following statement of receipts and expenditures for the past year :

RECEIPTS.

Cash from last year,	\$61 78
Appropriation,	500 00
Fines, catalogues, &c.,	13 20
	\$574 98

EXPENDITURES.

Librarian's salary,	\$150 00
Insurance,	18 75
Gas,	13 80
Fuel,	25 89
Sundries,	7 85
Stationery.	8 06
Binding,	23 10
Books,	220 51
Furniture,	15 00
Cash in hands of the Committee,	91 99
	\$574 98

We respectfully recommend that five hundred dollars be raised for the support of the Library the ensuing year.

JOHN J. BELL,	} Committee on Library
A. C. BUZELL,	
JOHN T. PERRY,	

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee respectfully submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1885 :

The whole number of children between the ages of five and fifteen, as enumerated by the Selectmen in April, 1884, was five hundred and twenty-three—two hundred and sixty-seven boys and two hundred and fifty-six girls.

The names of teachers employed during the year are as follows :

DISTRICT NO. 1.

High School, Mr. Albion Burbank.

Grammar School, Mr. Sperry French.

Sub-Grammar, Miss Jennie S. Cartland.

Plains Intermediate, Miss Carrie E. Ellison.

Hall Place Intermediate, Miss Sarah Caverno.

Spring Street Primary, Miss Jennie R. Harvey.

Grove Street Primary, Miss Mary E. Calef.

School Street Primary, Miss Annie R. Dearborn, who resigned, winter term, 1885, and was succeeded by Miss M. Agnes Weston.

Prospect Hill Primary, Mrs. Kate H. Davis.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—Miss Alberta J. Carroll.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—Miss Hattie B. Adams.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—First term, Miss Georgie E. Jenness ; second and third terms, Miss Amanda Brown.

DISTRICT NO. 6.—Miss M. Addie Kimball.

All the above named teachers are well known to the citizens of the town. Reports of former years contain expres-

sions of commendation, which meet with our unqualified approval at this time. Whatever criticism we have had occasion to make upon the conduct of the schools, has been made to the teachers themselves, therefore, further reference to the matter here, would, we conceive, be out of place.

The number of scholars for some portions of the year, has been greatly diminished owing to the prevalence of whooping cough and other epidemic diseases. But as a whole the attendance has been good, there being less complaint respecting absences, than in many former years. There are many things that might and perhaps ought to be remedied in our schools, but the general result for the past year will, we believe, compare favorably with that of any former year.

Complaint is often made that there is a too frequent change of text books. Careful observation has shown that an occasional change of books is beneficial, particularly reading books. It sometimes transpires that a book, believed to be adapted to the wants of the scholars, is found upon an actual trial to be wholly unfitted for them. One or two such instances have happened in our schools during the last two or three years. In such cases the only thing to be done, is to get another book, and this has been done with as little expense and trouble to parents, as possible.

Many of our school houses have very inadequate facilities for ventilation. This matter was referred to in our last report and should have immediate attention.

Appended is a table showing the number of scholars engaged in each study.

HEZEKIAH SCAMMON,	} School Committee.
JOHN D. LYMAN,	
EDWIN G. EASTMAN,	

Table showing No. of scholars engaged in each study :

SCHOOLS.	TERMS.	No. of Weeks.....	No. of Scholars.....	No. in Reading.....	No. in Spelling.....	No. in Arithmetic...	No. in Geography....	No. in Writing.....	No. in Grammar.....	No. in U. S. History.
High School.....	First Term..	12	42	42	42	...	...	...	...	...
	Second " ..	14	47	47	47	...	...	...	...	...
	Third " ..	10	41	41	41	...	...	...	...	...
Grammar School.	First Term..	12	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	22
	Second " ..	14	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	22
	Third " ..	10	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	22
Sub-Grammar School....	First Term..	12	49	49	49	49	49	49	18	..
	Second " ..	14	50	50	50	50	50	50	23	..
	Third " ..	10	47	47	47	47	47	47	20	..
Plains Intermediate.....	First Term..	12	47	47	40	26	21	30	...	...
	Second " ..	14	41	41	36	23	16	34	...	...
	Third " ..	10	36	36	36	18	14	25	...	...
Hall Place Intermediate...	First Term..	12	51	51	51	28	20	37	...	...
	Second " ..	14	47	47	47	27	24	38	...	...
	Third " ..	10	46	46	46	30	20	25	...	...
Grove Street.....	First Term..	12	46	46	46	27	12	27	...	...
	Second " ..	14	36	36	36	21	5	21	...	...
	Third " ..	10	27	27	27	24	5	24	...	...
Prospect Hill.....	First Term..	12	32	32	32	25	12	26	...	...
	Second " ..	14	34	34	34	26	15	22	...	...
	Third " ..	10	32	32	32	23	21	21	...	...
Spring Street.....	First Term..	12	45	45	45	20	12	35	...	...
	Second " ..	14	45	45	45	32	10	40	...	...
	Third " ..	10	37	37	37	26	8	32	...	...
School Street.....	First Term..	12	39	39	39	26	7	15	...	...
	Second " ..	14	39	39	39	19	10	12	...	...
	Third " ..	10	40	40	40	23	10	15	...	...
District No. 3.....	First Term..	10	10	10	10	9	6	10	5	3
	Second " ..	12	9	9	9	8	6	9	4	2
District No. 4.....	First Term..	9	10	10	10	6	4	5	2	..
	Second " ..	15	11	10	10	6	4	6	2	1
District No. 5.....	First Term..	10	16	16	16	13	7	16	7	3
	Second " ..	10	19	19	19	16	11	16	7	3
	Third " ..	11	16	16	15	15	12	15	7	4
District No. 6.....	First Term..	10	11	11	11	9	8	9	4	4
	Second " ..	10	11	11	11	9	7	9	4	4
	Third " ..	5	9	9	9	9	7	8	4	4

TOWN WARRANT.

[L. S.] THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the town of Exeter qualified to vote in town affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To choose a Town Clerk.
3. To choose all necessary town officers, Auditors or Committees for the ensuing year.
4. To choose one Trustee of the Robinson Female Seminary for the term of seven years.
5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools, for the maintenance of the poor, for repairing the highways, for repairing and building sidewalks, for repairing and building bridges, for building drains and sewers, for the payment of the town debt, for lighting the streets, for defraying the expenses of decorating the graves of Union Soldiers, and for other charges arising within the town, fix the price of labor on the highway and the pay of the firemen for the year ensuing.
6. To see if the town will vote to have the old town house repaired, and see what sum of money they will raise and appropriate therefor. Upon the petition of James T. Sawyer and 16 others.
7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to erect an additional number of gas lights, not exceeding eighteen, in the streets of said town, and appropriate money therefor. Upon the petition of Eben Folsom and 11 others.
8. To see if the town will vote to place a street lamp on High street, at the corner of the street leading to Hall Place near the house of Col. W. N. Dow. Upon the petition Nathaniel Shute and 14 others.
9. To see if the town will vote to build a sewer from a point at the Boston and Maine railroad near the passenger station to Squamscott river, and appropriate money therefor.
10. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen or other persons to lease the tract of land adjoining John P. Smith's homestead on the south and lying between Newmarket road and the river, and opposite the house of Jewett Swasey, and fix the compensation therefor.

Given under our hands and seal, this 21st day of February, 1885.

JEWETT CONNER,	} Selectmen of Exeter.
JOSIAH J. FOLSOM,	
ANDREW J. FOGG,	



